

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are cosmetic preparations and, more particularly, skin and hair care and cleaning products with an amount of at least one glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent selected from glycyrrhetic acid, glycyrrhetic acid derivatives and extracts of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*, and their salts, effective to inhibit or prevent the growth of bacteria. The cosmetic preparations may include other antibacterial or antibiotic agents. The glycyrrhetic antibacterial agent and, optionally, the antibacterial or antibiotic agents may be provided in microencapsulated form. Also disclosed is the use of such cosmetic preparations for treating acne.